

To the FCC Commissioners:

I am the CEO of State of the Arts Communications and Electronics headquartered in Reno, Nevada. We operate a number of Commercial Mobile Radio Services, including Satellite Page. In 2001, we became aware of wrongful charges being imposed on our paging operations by Nevada Bell. We notified Nevada Bell of the wrongful charges, stopped paying those charges, and demanded a refund which, as of April, 2002, amounted to more than \$127,000.00. Nevada Bell responded by and through Robert Lee Page, SBC, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Page stated that Satellite Page owed an additional \$2,000.00, reiterated a threat of disconnection of services, and stated that Nevada Bell was ready to 'negotiate' our claims.

Mr. Page had previously submitted a secret agreement in which Satellite Page would receive a partial refund only if it agreed to hold Nevada Bell and SBC harmless for all previous acts. Additionally, Satellite Page would be required to simultaneously execute an unnecessary and unwanted Interconnect Agreement. The terms of the proposed IA were so obviously advantageous to SBC and Nevada Bell that it was rejected out of hand. No IA is required for the operations of our CMRS operations, and it is unfair to expect that we would spend the several hundred thousand dollars in attorney fees to 'negotiate' an unnecessary agreement.

To date, Nevada Bell and SBC have failed to respond to certified letters sent each month demanding that these issues be resolved. The unlawful billing continues unabated. The actions of the carrier along with the supporting documents have been submitted to this Commission's Enforcement Bureau for corrective action, but calls, faxes, and letters to that Bureau have gone unanswered.

The arrogance of SBC and Nevada Bell has become the hallmark of the way these companies treat small competitors. They know full well that the cost of litigation will tilt the tables of 'justice' to their favor. We depend on the Commission to equally and fairly implement the will of congress and its own rules and regulations. It is our understanding that SBC and Nevada Bell must prove compliance with the fourteen point competitive checklist BEFORE being allowed to enter the long distance market, not AFTER.

Their own documents in our case prove without question that they have NOT complied with the obligations imposed upon them, and for that reason, this Application can NOT be approved.

Sincerely,

R.L. Beidleman
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State of the Arts Communications & Electronics